

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 102

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to recognize Martha Lynn Holt on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to shaping the youth of today into the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Martha Lynn Holt, a teacher at Northside Elementary School in Hardin County, recently took a much-deserved retirement after a forty-year tenure in education that stands unsurpassed in accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Holt began her teaching career in 1977 at Michie Elementary School in McNairy County, where she taught fourth through eighth grade math for a semester before transferring to Selmer Elementary School, where she taught third grade for eight years; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Hardin County in 1985, Martha Holt began teaching at Whites Elementary School in the Burnt Church community, where she remained for twenty-two years; during that time, she taught third grade and fifth grade, and for eleven years, she served as principal; and

WHEREAS, while at Whites Elementary School, she also taught music classes to all grades and gave lessons after school for guitar, mandolin, fiddle, and clogging; her clogging students performed annually at the Burnt Church Bluegrass Festival; and

WHEREAS, for the last several years of her illustrious teaching career, Mrs. Holt taught math intervention classes at Northside Elementary School; during her more than four decades in the classroom, she earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues and the love and gratitude of her students, many of whom belonged to multiple generations of families that she taught over the years; and

WHEREAS, in her spare time, Martha Holt enjoys performing in the Holt Family band with her daughter and son, Melody and Daniel, and previously her husband, Danny, now deceased; the band played bluegrass gospel music in churches throughout the area; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Holt and her daughter continue to lead music at Abrams Chapel Church, which they have attended for many years; now that she has retired, Mrs. Holt will spend more time with her children and her infant grandson, Isaac; and

WHEREAS, for forty years, Martha Holt was wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Martha Lynn Holt on her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.